

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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RICHARD BANDA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NAPHCARE, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:19-cv-00095-RFB-DJA

ORDER

This action began with a civil-rights complaint and application to proceed in forma pauperis (“IFP”) filed by state prisoner Plaintiff Richard Banda concerning events that allegedly occurred while he was in pretrial detention at Clark County Detention Center (“CCDC”). (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). The Court previously granted Banda’s IFP. (ECF No. 20 at 11). According to the Nevada Department of Corrections (“NDOC”) prisoner database, Banda is currently incarcerated at High Desert State Prison (“HDSP”).

In screening Banda’s Complaint, the Court construed it as stating three claims for relief: (1) a Fourteenth Amendment claim for deliberate medical indifference, (2) a Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause claim, and (3) a claim for discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ECF No. 6). The Court dismissed all of Banda’s claims with prejudice because he expressly alleged facts amounting only to negligence, not deliberate indifference, and did not allege that he was discriminated against because of a disability. (*Id.* at 3–7). Banda moved for reconsideration and the Court granted him that relief, allowing him leave to file a first amended complaint to correct the deficiencies of his deliberate medical indifference claim. (ECF Nos. 8, 15).

Banda timely filed a First Amended Complaint (“FAC”) realleging his deliberate medical indifference claim. (ECF No. 16). In screening the FAC, the Court found that

1 Banda did not state a colorable deliberate medical indifference claim against Defendant
2 Naphcare, Inc. but did state a colorable claim against the Doe medical staff who allegedly
3 consciously ignored the doctor's order to flush and clean the I.V. that had been placed in
4 Banda during his stay in CCDC's infirmary in April and May 2017. (Id.) at 6–7). But
5 because Banda did not identify the true name of any Doe Defendant, the Court granted
6 him leave to file a second amended complaint naming those defendants and instructed
7 Banda to review the medical records in his possession to find their names and, if those
8 records were not helpful, to move the Court “to issue a Rule 45 subpoena duces tecum
9 so that he may obtain records that would have that information.” (Id. at 7).

10 Shortly thereafter, Banda moved the Court to issue a Rule 45 subpoena duces
11 tecum. (ECF No. 21). The Court denied Banda's motion as premature. (ECF No. 22).
12 Banda objected to that order and sought more time to file a second amended complaint.
13 (ECF Nos. 23, 24). In a Minute Order dated May 30, 2021, the Court gave Banda more
14 time to file a second amended complaint and ordered that he should be provided a copy
15 of his medical records to keep in his cell to pursue his claims in this case. (ECF No. 25).

16 Banda moved to amend the Court's May 30, 2021, order because it had not been
17 properly “served on the custodian of medical records of WellPath at CCDC.” (ECF No. 26
18 at 2). The Court granted Banda's motion to amend on June 28, 2021, instructing that
19 “[t]he warden at HDSP is ordered to provide [Banda] with a copy of his medical records
20 from CCDC or direct the vendor that provides services for HDSP to provide these
21 records.” (ECF No. 27 at 1). But through inadvertence, the Court's June 28, 2021, order
22 wasn't served on anyone other than Banda.

23 Banda didn't catch that mistake, and when no medical records materialized in his
24 cell, he understandably moved the Court to require HDSP Warden Calvin Johnson to
25 show cause why he has not complied with the Court's June 28, 2021, order. (ECF No.
26 28). He also moves the Court to find and appoint him a free attorney. (ECF No. 29). And
27 to act on his show-cause motion. (ECF No. 30).
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To rectify past mistakes and move this case forward, the Court takes several steps in this order. First, the Court vacates its order screening the FAC and its orders directing pre-service discovery dated May 30, 2021, and June 28, 2021. (ECF Nos. 20, 25, 27). Second, the Court denies as moot Banda's motion for an order to show cause why Johnson did not comply with the Court's now-vacated order dated June 28, 2021. (ECF No. 28). Third, the Court denies as moot Banda's motion to act on his now-denied show-cause motion. (ECF No. 30). Fourth, the Court reconstrues Banda's objections to the Court's order denying his Motion for a Rule 45 subpoena duces tecum as a motion for reconsideration. (ECF No. 23). Fifth, the Court grants the motion for reconsideration and vacates its Order dated April 26, 2021 (ECF No. 22) denying Plaintiff's motion for a Rule 45 subpoena. The Court directs the Clerk of the Court to issue the subpoena.

Finally, as discussed more fully below, the Court screens the FAC anew. Finding that Banda states colorable deliberate medical indifference claims against Naphcare, Inc. and John/Jane Does 1–5, the Court allows him to proceed on those claims. And the Court provides Banda guidance for seeking the true names of those Doe Defendants. Finally, the Court denies Banda's motion for appointment of counsel.

I. SCREENING THE FAC

A. Screening Standard

Federal courts must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which an incarcerated person seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the Court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. See id. §§ 1915A(b)(1), (2). Pro se pleadings, however, must be liberally construed. Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dep't, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990). To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two essential elements: (1) the violation of a right secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States; and

1 (2) that the alleged violation was committed by a person acting under color of state law.
2 West v. Atkins, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988).

3 In addition to the screening requirements under § 1915A, under the Prison
4 Litigation Reform Act (“PLRA”), a federal court must dismiss an incarcerated person’s
5 claim if “the allegation of poverty is untrue” or if the action “is frivolous or malicious, fails
6 to state a claim on which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief against a
7 defendant who is immune from such relief.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Dismissal of a
8 complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted is provided for in
9 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), and the Court applies the same standard under
10 § 1915 when reviewing the adequacy of a complaint or an amended complaint. When a
11 court dismisses a complaint under § 1915(e), the plaintiff should be given leave to amend
12 the complaint with directions as to curing its deficiencies, unless it is clear from the face
13 of the complaint that the deficiencies could not be cured by amendment. Cato v. United
14 States, 70 F.3d 1103, 1106 (9th Cir. 1995).

15 Review under Rule 12(b)(6) is essentially a ruling on a question of law. See
16 Chappel v. Lab. Corp. of Am., 232 F.3d 719, 723 (9th Cir. 2000). Dismissal for failure to
17 state a claim is proper only if it the plaintiff clearly cannot prove any set of facts in support
18 of the claim that would entitle him or her to relief. Id. at 723–24. In making this
19 determination, the Court takes as true all allegations of material fact stated in the
20 complaint, and the Court construes them in the light most favorable to the plaintiff.
21 Warshaw v. Xoma Corp., 74 F.3d 955, 957 (9th Cir. 1996). Allegations of a pro se
22 complainant are held to less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers.
23 Hughes v. Rowe, 449 U.S. 5, 9 (1980). While the standard under Rule 12(b)(6) does not
24 require detailed factual allegations, a plaintiff must provide more than mere labels and
25 conclusions. Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007). A formulaic recitation
26 of the elements of a cause of action is insufficient. Id.

27 Additionally, a reviewing court should “begin by identifying [allegations] that,
28 because they are no more than mere conclusions, are not entitled to the assumption of

truth.” Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 679 (2009). “While legal conclusions can provide the framework of a complaint, they must be supported with factual allegations.” Id. “When there are well-pleaded factual allegations, a court should assume their veracity and then determine whether they plausibly give rise to an entitlement to relief. Id. “Determining whether a complaint states a plausible claim for relief . . . [is] a context-specific task that requires the reviewing court to draw on its judicial experience and common sense.” Id.

Finally, all or part of a complaint filed by an incarcerated person may be dismissed sua sponte if that person’s claims lack an arguable basis either in law or in fact. This includes claims based on legal conclusions that are untenable—like claims against defendants who are immune from suit or claims of infringement of a legal interest that clearly does not exist—as well as claims based on fanciful factual allegations like fantastic or delusional scenarios. Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 327–28 (1989).

B. Factual allegations

In the FAC, Banda sues Naphcare, Inc. and John/Jane Does 1–5 for events that allegedly took place while he was incarcerated at CCDC. (ECF No. 16 at 1). Banda brings one count and seeks declaratory and monetary relief. (Id. at 4–9, 14).

Banda alleges the following. During his incarceration at CCDC, Naphcare and the Doe Defendants contracted with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (“LVMPD”) and were the medical providers at CCDC. (Id. at 4). By the end of April of 2017, Banda experienced strong and persistent symptoms of dehydration and fainting in his cell. (Id.) After medical staff responded to a “man-down” emergency medical call, Banda conveyed his persisting symptoms of dehydration and fainting. (Id.) A Doe nurse asked Banda to stand up. (Id.) Banda complied and immediately fainted. (Id.)

A Doe physician injected Banda with steroids and ordered him admitted to the infirmary for further evaluation and treatment. (Id.) Upon infirmary admission and at the direction of the treating physician, medical staff placed Banda on an I.V. for his dehydration. (Id.) The attending physician, “exercising professionally sound medical judgment” to protect Banda “unequivocally ordered” Doe medical staff to flush and

1 sanitize Banda's I.V. twice daily for two days prior to removing it. (Id. at 4–5). "Cognizant
2 of the inherent risks posed to [Banda] by doing so, medical staff Does deliberately defied
3 and ignored the physician's standing medical orders, failing to flush, clean and remove
4 the I.V. in the time ordered by [Banda's] treating physician." (Id. at 5).

5 After five days, the treating physician returned to observe the onset of infection
6 due to the Doe nurses defying and contravening the treating physician's orders. (Id.) The
7 treating physician did not know that an internal MRSA infection had advanced in Banda's
8 bloodstream by that time. (Id.) Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus ("MRSA") is
9 universally acknowledged within the medical community as causing infections, some of
10 which could be fatal. (Id.) It is common knowledge that MRSA can be spread through
11 materials or instruments and that the risk of transmission is increased by conditions such
12 as overcrowding, shared facilities, incarceration, close contact between inmates, and
13 unsanitary conditions, facts which were known to the ordering physician and the Doe
14 medical staff who ignored the physician's order. (Id. at 6). The physician did not know or
15 foresee that Banda already had an MRSA infection and ordered the I.V. removed, ordered
16 medication for Banda, discharged Banda from the medical unit, and assured Banda that
17 he should be okay. (Id.)

18 As a result of the deliberate indifference of the Does in defying and refusing to
19 adhere to the physician's orders, Banda had, in fact, already contracted an infection and
20 it was worsening. (Id.) After being discharged, Banda experienced a swollen arm, cold
21 chills and sweats, and broke out in red, itchy hives. (Id.) Plaintiff called a man-down. (Id.
22 at 7). The medical team arrived and took his temperature, which was high. (Id.) This
23 prompted blood tests and, when the blood test results came back, Banda was diagnosed
24 with a blood infection and was sent to the hospital. (*Id.*)

25 At the hospital, Banda was evaluated, tested, and administered antibiotics, which
26 were not effective. (Id.) Three or four days later, Banda developed painful holes in his
27 chest and stomach cavities, which were releasing poisonous discharges. (Id.) Banda
28 asserts that the diagnostic testing at the hospital concluded that he "had incurred and

1 contracted staff [sic] infection in his blood due to the deliberate indifference of Does and
 2 their conscious failures to adhere to, execute and carry out physician orders by refusing
 3 to clean, flush and ultimately timely extract the I.V. from his arm subsequent to his CCDC
 4 infirmary admission.” (*Id.*) Banda was subjected to enormous pain, discomfort, and
 5 suffering because of “Defendants deliberate indifference.” (*Id.* at 8). He continues to
 6 experience painful symptoms and has permanent and persistent recurring painful
 7 discharge in his chest and abdominal cavities. (*Id.*)

8 Banda concludes that Defendants were consciously and intentionally defying,
 9 deviating from, ignoring, and failing to carry out the physician’s order to flush, clean, and
 10 eventually remove the I.V., which was issued to protect his violated his constitutional
 11 rights. (*Id.* at 8–9). In particular, Banda concludes that his Eighth Amendment and
 12 Fourteenth Amendment rights were violated.

13 **C. Fourteenth Amendment deliberate medical indifference**

14 A pretrial detainee is protected from conditions constituting punishment under the
 15 Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, while the Eighth Amendment’s Cruel
 16 and Unusual Punishment Clause protects a convicted prisoner. Bell v. Wolfish, 441 U.S.
 17 520, 535 n.16 (1971). Because Banda was at CCDC at the time of the alleged events,
 18 the Court will liberally construe the FAC and presume that he was a pre-trial detainee and
 19 that the Fourteenth Amendment’s more lenient standard applies and the Eighth
 20 Amendment does not apply.

21 “Inmates who sue prison officials for injuries suffered while in custody may do so
 22 under the Eighth Amendment’s Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause or, if not yet
 23 convicted, under the Fourteenth Amendment’s Due Process Clause.” Castro v. City of
 24 Los Angeles, 833 F.3d 1060, 1067–68 (9th Cir. 2016) (citing Bell, 441 U.S. at 535 (holding
 25 that under the Due Process Clause, a detainee may not be punished prior to conviction)).
 26 “Under both clauses, the plaintiff must show that the prison officials acted with “deliberate
 27 indifference.” *Id.* The elements of a pretrial detainee’s conditions-of-confinement claim
 28 are (1) “the defendant made an intentional decision with respect to the conditions under

1 which the plaintiff was confined;” (2) “those conditions put the plaintiff at substantial risk
2 of suffering serious harm;” (3) the defendant did not take reasonable available measures
3 to abate that risk, even though a reasonable official in the circumstances would have
4 appreciated the high degree of risk involved—making the consequences of the
5 defendant’s conduct obvious; and (4) by not taking such measures, the defendant caused
6 the plaintiff’s injuries.” Gordon v. Cnty. of Orange, 888 F.3d 1118, 1124–25 (9th Cir.
7 2018).

8 “With respect to the third element, the defendant’s conduct must be objectively
9 unreasonable, a test that will necessarily turn on the facts and circumstances of each
10 particular case.” Id. at 1125 (internal quotation and brackets omitted). What this means is
11 “the plaintiff must prove more than mere negligence but less than subjective intent—
12 something akin to reckless disregard.” Id. (internal quotation omitted). Simply put, a
13 detainee’s claim is “evaluated under an objective deliberate indifference standard.” Id.

14 **1. Doe Defendants**

15 Banda alleges that he was at risk of suffering a harmful infection if his I.V. was not
16 flushed and sanitized. He also alleges that Naphcare medical staff who were ordered by
17 the doctor to flush and clean Banda’s I.V. twice a day for two days and then to remove it
18 made intentional and deliberate unreasonable decisions to consciously defy those orders
19 despite each of them having medical knowledge of the attendant risks of contracting a
20 dangerous infection if the orders were defined. Banda further alleges that John/Jane Doe
21 Defendants’ decisions to ignore the doctor’s orders caused him to contract a new infection
22 that caused him pain from the discharge in his chest and abdominal cavities. The Court
23 construes the FAC as alleging that John/Jane Doe Defendants 1–5 are the medical staff,
24 e.g., nurses, who were ordered to flush and clean Banda’s I.V. and chose not to do so.
25 The Court finds that the allegations are sufficient for screening purposes to state a
26 colorable claim for deliberate medical indifference against those defendants. So the
27 Fourteenth Amendment deliberate medical indifference claim can proceed against
28 John/Jane Doe Defendants 1–5. And Banda can move the Court to amend his First

1 Amended Complaint to substitute their true names when he learns them through
2 discovery, which the Court will provide him guidance about later in this order. See
3 Gillespie v. Civiletti, 629 F.2d 637, 642-43 (9th Cir. 1980) (stating that it is error for a court
4 to dismiss a complaint on the basis that plaintiff fails to provide the true names of “John
5 Does,” but the identity of such defendants could be reasonably adduced through
6 discovery).

7 2. Naphcare

8 To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege facts sufficient to
9 show that the alleged violation was committed by a person acting under color of state law,
10 and state action is required in order to establish a Fourteenth Amendment violation. West
11 v. Atkins, 487 U.S. 42, 48–49 (1988). These two issues require the same inquiries. Id. at
12 49 (recognizing that if a defendant’s conduct satisfies the state action requirement of the
13 Fourteenth Amendment that conduct also is action under color of state law for purposes
14 of § 1983). Naphcare is a private entity. Merely providing contracted services to a state
15 entity does not mean that the private contractor is acting under color of state law.
16 Manhattan Cmty. Access Corp. v. Halleck, 139 S. Ct. 1921, 1931-32 (2019). Such a
17 private entity acts under color of state law only if it is performing a traditional, exclusive
18 public function. Id. at 1931. For purposes of this order, the Court will assume that
19 Naphcare was acting under color of state law by providing medical services to detainees
20 at CCDC.

21 But when a private entity acts under color of law to perform a traditional, exclusive
22 function in place of a municipality, then the plaintiff must establish a policy or custom
23 theory of municipal liability against that private entity. Tsao v. Desert Palace, Inc., 698
24 F.3d 1128, 1139 (9th Cir. 2012). This means that if Banda wishes to hold Naphcare liable,
25 he must first state a colorable claim against Naphcare based on a theory of municipal
26 liability.

27 A municipality may not be held liable under § 1983 on a respondeat superior
28 theory, which means that a municipality may not be held liable merely because it

employed someone who violated someone's civil rights. Monell v. Dep't of Soc. Servs. of City of New York, 436 U.S. 658, 690-91 (1978). Thus, Naphcare may not be held liable merely because it employed a nurse who violated Banda's constitutional rights. Municipalities and private entities like Naphcare may be held liable under § 1983 if action under a municipal custom or policy caused a constitutional violation that damaged the plaintiff. Id. This requires allegations that a custom or policy existed and that it caused the alleged constitutional deprivation. Castro v. County of Los Angeles, 833 F.3d 1060, 1075 (9th Cir. 2016). Furthermore, the plaintiff also must show that the custom or policy was adhered to with deliberate indifference to the prisoners' constitutional rights. Id. at 1076. The deliberate indifference standard for municipalities is an objective inquiry into whether the facts known by the municipal policymakers put them on constructive notice that the particular conduct or omission is substantially certain to result in the violation of constitutional rights. Id.

The Court finds that the allegations are sufficient for screening purposes to state a colorable claim that Naphcare had a custom that medical staff would not follow through on physicians' orders to flush and sanitize inmates' I.V.s or remove the I.V.s until the inmates were being cleared to leave the infirmary. The Fourteenth Amendment municipal liability for deliberate medical indifference claim can therefore proceed against Naphcare.

3. Discovering Does true names

Banda needs to discover the true identities of the Naphcare employees who allegedly failed to follow doctor's orders to clean and flush his I.V. when he was treated for dehydration and other issues in CCDC's infirmary in April and May 2017. Banda informs the Court—and provides evidence to show—that the NDOC has his complete medical record, including from the time that he was incarcerated at CCDC. (ECF No. 29 at 3, 6–8).

The Court construes Banda's Objection to its Order (ECF No. 22) denying his motion for a Rule 45 subpoena as a Motion for Reconsideration. "As long as a district court has jurisdiction over [a] case, then it possesses the inherent procedural power to

reconsider, rescind, or modify an interlocutory order for cause seen by it to be sufficient.” City of L.A. v. Santa Monica BayKeeper, 254 F.3d 882, 886 (9th Cir. 2001) (quoting Melancon v. Texaco, Inc., 659 F.2d 551, 553 (5th Cir. 1981). A district court may grant a motion for reconsideration where: (1) it is presented with newly discovered evidence; (2) it has committed clear error or the initial decision was manifestly unjust; or (3) there has been an intervening change in controlling law. Nunes v. Ashcroft, 375 F.3d 805, 807 (9th Cir. 2004). The Court finds that its initial decision denying Plaintiff’s motion for a Rule 45 subpoena was error. Plaintiff has represented that he requires his medical records to identify the Doe defendants. See Gillespie, 629 F.2d at 642-43 (“[T]he plaintiff should be given an opportunity through discovery to identify the unknown defendants, unless it is clear that discovery would not uncover the identities, or that the complaint would be dismissed on other grounds.”). He has also represented that the custodian of medical records at Wellpath has copies of his medical records. The Court therefore vacates its order at ECF No. 27, grants Plaintiff’s objection (reconstrued as a Motion for Reconsideration) (ECF No. 23), and directs the Clerk of the Court to issue the Subpoena to Produce Documents that Plaintiff attached to his Motion for Court to Issue a Rule 45 Subpoena Duces Tecum (ECF No. 21), so that Wellpath is directed to provide Plaintiff with the records he seeks.

Banda is also advised that once Defendant Naphcare is served with process and discovery commences in this action, he can also use discovery procedures to ask that Defendant to answer written questions and produce documents about the names of the staff members who did or could have addressed his medical needs when he was in CCDC’s infirmary in April and May 2017.

II. MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Finally, like many prisoners who file civil-rights claims, Banda asks the Court to find and appoint him a free lawyer. (ECF No. 29.) A litigant does not have a constitutional right to appointed counsel in 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil-rights claims. Storseth v. Spellman, 654 F.2d 1349, 1353 (9th Cir. 1981). The statute that governs this type of litigation, 28

1 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), provides that “[t]he court may request an attorney to represent any
2 person unable to afford counsel.” However, the Court will appoint counsel for indigent civil
3 litigants only in “exceptional circumstances.” Palmer v. Valdez, 560 F.3d 965, 970 (9th
4 Cir. 2009) (§ 1983 action). “When determining whether ‘exceptional circumstances’ exist,
5 a court must consider ‘the likelihood of success on the merits as well as the ability of the
6 petitioner to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the legal issues
7 involved.” Id. “Neither of these considerations is dispositive and instead must be viewed
8 together.” Id.

9 Banda argues that he is illiterate and developmentally disabled and relies on other
10 prisoners for legal assistance. (ECF No. 29 at 3). Specifically, prisoner Toney A. White,
11 III, is Banda’s “departmentally authorized legal assistant” (Id.) The Court notes that
12 Toney A. White prepared or helped Banda prepare the FAC. (See ECF No. 16 at 14).
13 Banda contends that he will no longer be able to work with White because Banda
14 discovered in September 2021 that he was being transferred away from HDSP. But that
15 has not occurred. And the NDOC prisoner database states that White is still incarcerated
16 at HDSP, too.

17 The Court does find that extraordinary circumstances do exist in this case for the
18 reasons articulated by the Plaintiff. The Court will accordingly grant Banda’s motion for
19 the appointment of counsel. This case is referred to the Pro Bono Program adopted in
20 Amended General Order 2019-07 for the purpose of screening for financial eligibility (if
21 necessary) and identifying counsel willing to be appointed as pro bono counsel for
22 Plaintiff. By referring this case to the Program, the Court is not expressing an opinion as
23 to the merits of the case. The Court further notes that it cannot guarantee counsel through
24 this program, but it can refer the case to the program. The Court further permits Plaintiff
25 to request a stay of the case pending appointment of counsel.

26 **III. CONCLUSION**

27 It is therefore ordered that the Court’s order screening the First Amended
28 Complaint (ECF No. 20) **is vacated**.

1 It is further ordered that the Court's orders dated May 30, 2021, and June 28, 2021,
2 (ECF Nos. 22, 25, 27) **are vacated**.

3 The Clerk of the Court is directed to refile Plaintiff's Response/Objections (ECF
4 No. 23) as a Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's April 26, 2021 Order.

5 It is further ordered that the Motion for Reconsideration (ECF No. 23) **is granted**
6 and the Court's April 26, 2021 Order (ECF No. 22) is **vacated**.

7 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court shall issue the Subpoena to Produce
8 Documents that Plaintiff attached to his Motion for Court to Issue a Rule 45 Subpoena
9 Duces Tecum (ECF No. 21). The Clerk of the Court is instructed to send Banda a copy
10 of the Subpoena.

11 It is further ordered that Banda's motion for an order to show cause and motion for
12 the Court to act on that motion (ECF Nos. 28 and 30) **are denied as moot**.

13 It is further ordered that the First Amended Complaint (ECF No. 16) is the operative
14 pleading.

15 It is further ordered that the Fourteenth Amendment deliberate medical indifference
16 claim **can proceed** against Defendants John/Jane Does 1–5.

17 It is further ordered that the Fourteenth Amendment municipal liability for deliberate
18 medical indifference claim **can proceed** against Defendant Naphcare, Inc.

19 It is further ordered that Banda's motion for the appointment of counsel (ECF No.
20 29) **is granted**.

21 It is further ordered that this case is referred to the Pro Bono Program for
22 appointment of counsel for the purposes identified herein.

23 It is further ordered that the Clerk shall also forward this order to the Pro Bono
24 Liaison.

25 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court shall send Banda **two** copies of the
26 USM-285 form. It is ordered that Banda has **until May 9, 2022** to (1) complete the USM-
27 285 form with Defendant Naphcare, Inc.'s last-known address and (2) file that completed
28 form with the Court.

1 It is further ordered that Banda has **until May 9, 2022** to (1) complete the USM-
2 285 form with third-party Wellpath, Inc.'s last-known address and (2) file that completed
3 form with the Court.

4 It is further ordered that if Banda timely files the completed USM-285 forms with
5 the Court, the Court will issue separate orders to effectuate service on Naphcare, Inc. (as
6 a Defendant) and to effectuate service on Wellpath, Inc. (as a non-party to produce
7 documents under Rule 45).

8 Finally, the Clerk of the Court is directed to send Banda a courtesy copy of the
9 First Amended Complaint (ECF No. 16).

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11 DATED: March 17, 2022

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14 RICHARD F. BOULWARE, III
15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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